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One week after Robert Crimo Jr. agreed to a plea-bargain, and one day before he is set to begin serving his jail time, more questions still remain unanswered and muddy than the few that have been put to bed. It seems unlikely that State's Attorney Eric Rinehart will be addressing any of them head-on as he alternatively opts to spend his time in the spotlight gloating with malignant pleasure at a job well done.

The general consensus from the residents in Lake County differs greatly from Mr. Rinehart's perspective - from both sides of the spectrum. There are those who believe the case was a frivolous and malicious prosecution for political purposes. There are those who believe Crimo Jr.'s 60 day jail sentence is a "slap on the wrist." Either way you cut it, no one is too pleased with Eric Rinehart apart from Eric Rinehart himself.

Recap:
Robert Crimo Jr. pled guilty to seven Class A misdemeanor counts of reckless endangerment after being indicted by a Grand Jury on seven felonies of reckless conduct in case 22CF2074. The indictment for Crimo Jr. includes precise and definite language when referring to the absolute guilt of *Robert Crimo III as the shooter*, and the adjacent implication of Crimo Jr. as a result of that.
I have questions about that language.

On the evening of **Thursday, December 15th, 2022**, Eric Rinehart filed an *Information* against Robert Crimo Jr.

The next day, December 16th, 2022, Robert Crimo Jr. turned himself into the Lake County Sheriff's Department - on the three year anniversary and what had been considered the Statute of Limitations for felonious liability - for signing the affidavit giving permission for Illinois State Police to conduct the necessary background checks for Robert Crimo III's FOID application.

For those of us reading between the lines, questions were raised as to how Crimo Jr. could be indicted for his part in a crime that had/has not yet been tried in a Court of Law, and would logically need to have seen Robert Crimo III tried and convicted before Robert Crimo Jr. could be legally charged with any liability.

However, the three year Statute of Limitations that began on December 16th, 2019 and ended on December 16th, 2022 seemed to play a major role in the State's timing of filing that Information and securing Crimo Jr.'s arrest.
Because had they waited for Crimo III's trial, the clock on the Statute of Limitations would have run out.

On August 28th, 2023, Attorney George Gomez argued the Statute of Limitations in a motion to dismiss.
In his argument he stated that the Information filed by Rinehart on December 15th, 2022, acted as a mere complaint and that he believed the purpose of its filing was to cull the Statute of Limitations and to get an arrest warrant for Crimo Jr.
He also stated that an indictment requires a preliminary hearing be conducted before a prosecution can commence and that he believed it hadn't occurred until much later in the future.

But Rinehart argued that the *crime was complete only upon the death of the last victim*, and that the State's position was that the great bodily harm and deaths of the seven Highland Park individuals **started** the clock on the Statute of Limitations.
Rinehart then moved the goal post from the *December 16th 2019* FOID affidavit signature to *July 4th 2022*, and thus, pushing the clock to *July 4th 2025* for the Statute of Limitations for Robert Crimo Jr. meaning that they could have filed this any time until that date.

Judge Strickland responded, before denying the motion,
"The Statute of Limitations for the felony is three years. ***The date of the affidavit was more than three years before the state filed the Information in this case.*** *The Statute of Limitations stops when the verified pleading is filed.* ***It was in fact more than three years from the affidavit to the Information."***
"The only act Mr. Crimo is charged with is filling out of the affidavit, but the Court has to look at when the act was complete which in this case was when people died. Prior to July 4th, no one had died."
Strickland also stated that he would not "speculate as to why the State filed an information first but they are certainly allowed to do that."
He delineated that an Indictment is before a Grand Jury and a Preliminary Hearing is before a Judge and that they are two separate things, noting the law only requires an indictment, a preliminary hearing, or the waiver of a preliminary hearing for a case to go forward - and that there is no law indicating the State cannot first file an Information and then proceed to a Grand Jury.

Again, the case was pushed forward to trial under the assumption of Robert Crimo III's guilt and conviction of a crime, for which he was - and still is - sitting in the Lake County Adult Corrections as a pre-trial detainee and is Constitutionally supposed to be presumed innocent - yet never has been treated as such.

So, if the original Statute of Limitations of the FOID affidavit was never really an issue then why wasn't this case brought forward AFTER a necessary conviction of the crime on which it rests?

What difference would it have made if the State, in fact, had until July 4th, 2025 until the clock ran out?

Friendly reminder: ***Eric Rinehart is up for re-election in the Spring of 2024****.*

Another friendly reminder: In August 2022, Illinois was one of several states that was set to receive a cut of $500,000,000 [million. dollhairs] in Federal Safety Grants to shore up "soft targets" in the War on Terror.

In that same August 28th hearing, Eric Rinehart stated on the record that he believed in the transparency of THIS case, and that there may be evidence brought forth that would be **more prejudicial than probative with respect to the trial for Robert Crimo III.**
He said he didn't want to impact Crimo III's proceeding, **yet agreed to extended media coverage and further stated on the record that he was prosecuting both Defendants and wanted to see them both convicted.**
(On August 28th, Rinehart was still using "the shooter" when referring to Crimo III on the record, only pivoting to use "alleged" at later hearings for Crimo Jr.)

On November 6th, George Gomez addressed this to the media when he said the **evidence being admitted by the State for Crimo Jr. would have jeopardized Crimo III's right to a fair trial.**

But Rinehart has already told us, on the record, in a Court of Law, with his own words and actions - that impacting Crimo III's case by disseminating prejudicial evidence to first convict Robert Crimo Jr. wasn't *really* a point of contention for him. It was only going to give him an assist in further tainting the already apoplectic pool of potential jurors called for duty for Crimo III. Two birds, one stone.

EVIDENTIARY QUESTIONS
* (-"**Rinehart quotes during the November 6th plea**")
* [**my questions / notes in brackets**]

- "ISP personnel would testify that Highland Park Police personnel submitted a Clear and Present Danger Report for review in September 2019 including allegations of conduct by Robert Crimo III **that could not be independently confirmed or substantiated through their investigation; that there was no probable cause for an arrest of Robert Crimo III."**

[Is it really this easy to obtain a Clear and Present Danger report on a person? All one has to do is call the police and report -whatever- and irrespective of how accurate that information turns out to be, this report can still be filed? Noted.]

- "ISP personnel would further testify that Robert Crimo III's FOID card would not have been approved without the **Defendant's sponsorship of the affidavit as required by law."**

[Required by law. Law followed to the letter. If you follow the laws, as they were written, YOU, *not the lawmakers, not law enforcement*, but the LAW ABIDING CITIZEN, will still be prosecuted for it. WHAT? HOW? WHY?
Crimo Jr's signature on the affidavit was merely, merely, and simply, a checklist about "himself" and his permission for Illinois State Police to conduct any necessary background checks when deciding whether or not to approve Crimo III's FOID application.
It's logical and plausible to conclude that even though they had information showing Crimo III lived in Highland Park and Highwood, ISP couldn't be bothered to pick up the phone and dial the phone number to the Highland Park Police Department for a simple reference. Because had they done so, only two possible outcomes would have resulted:
a. They would have been informed of both prior encounters on file, including just three months previous when the Clear and Present Danger was filled out and sent over to ISP who subsequently threw it in the garbage,
OR
b. There were no reports on file at all for Robert Crimo III.

Illinois State Police approves and denies FOID cards - NOT Robert Crimo Jr.
Director Brendan Kelly can save face now and say "Highland Park certainly did the best they could" but did ISP? Was that *their* best? Are we really going to absolve ISP of the tremendous bad shitting here?
Robert Crimo Jr is NOT law enforcement. He is a citizen who followed the law.
Is it now within the power of every day citizens to decide which laws are poorly written and therefore should NOT be followed?
Like, what the fuck is this colossal sideshow?]

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- "Witnesses would testify that at the time the Defendant sent the sponsorship to the ISP in **December of 2019 the Defendant was aware of the following:"**

[Would witnesses also be testifying that Robert Crimo Jr. was residing at the Pleasant Ave. property in Highwood, IL in September, 2019 - NOT the McDaniels property in Highland Park where Bobby was living with his mother and siblings?
Would witnesses testify that Bobby, an adult person at age 19, was **entitled to the same amount of privacy as any other adult person and that adults are no longer under the scrutiny and observation of their parents?**
Would Eric Rinehart and Judge Strickland clarify whether or not they were implicating Bobby was a child or an adult?
Would Eric Rinehart testify that parents do not know more necessarily about their adult children than anyone else would?
Do they recall discussing Sam Crimo's age on the record, stating he was 19 or 20 at the time of the scheduled trial, and both men agreeing that he, too, **is an adult**?]

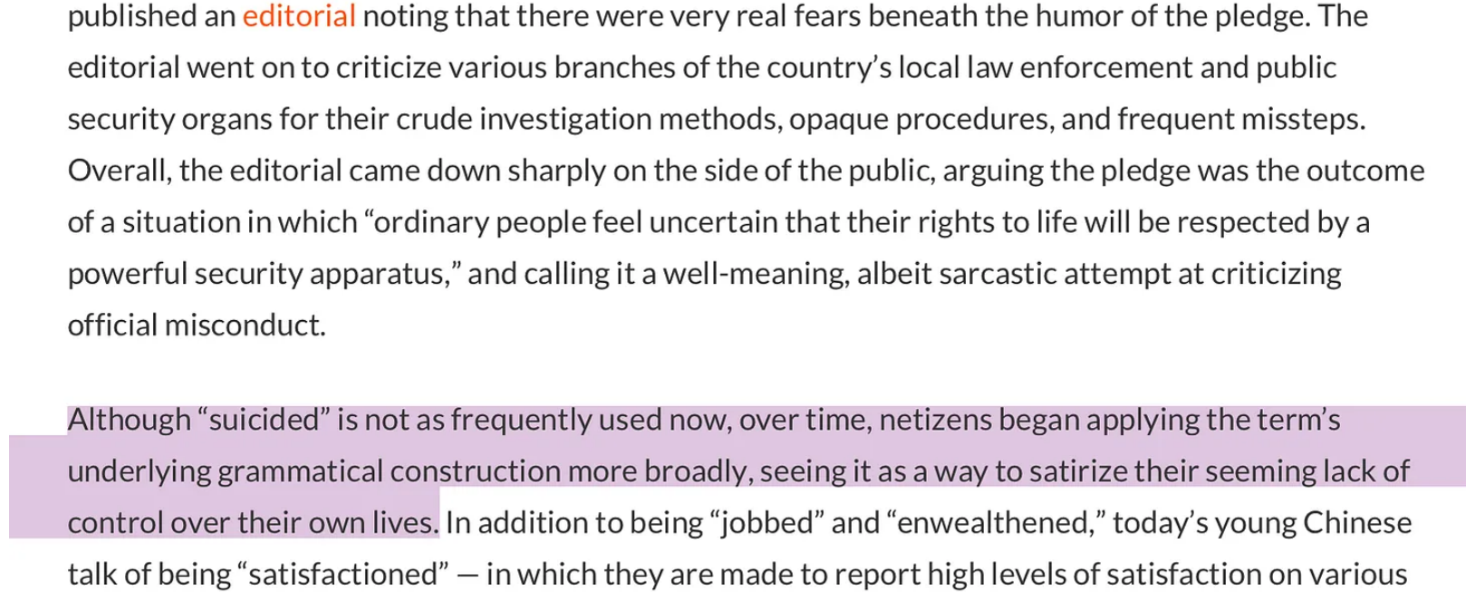
1. "That his son had sent **suicidal text messages as recently as September 2019 according to a forensic analysis of Robert Crimo III's phone,"**

[According to Assistant State's Attorney Jeffrey Facklam's arguments on October 30th, 2023, forensic extraction was performed on both Crimo Jr and Crimo III's phones which produced the supposed text message[s].
For Crimo Jr's part, this message was allegedly stored in his Cloud.
Why, now, are the only texts being used to convict Crimo Jr. the ones found on Crimo III's phone?
Facklam also posited that the texts produced from Crimo III's phone via Cellebrite extraction didn't *exactly* match Crimo Jr's, noting that "deleted content doesn't always transfer over on the Cellebrite report" itself but somehow magically appears on Excel spreadsheets.

Signal founder Moxie Marlinspike already previously exposed the vulnerabilities and high potential for manipulation within the Cellebrite application and called into question the veracity of any report being used in legal cases.
The State had obviously prepared their own witness to explain any pertinent questions away, though - such as why the reports didn't match when they were generated by the Cellebrite application and deleted content didn't transfer over but *could* be pasted into an Excel spreadsheet.

And why, on November 6th, the only texts Eric Rinehart referenced were found in Crimo III's phone - the person not yet on trial - and made **zero mention of Crimo Jr's phone OR Cloud**, yet WE'RE CONVICTING THIS MAN BASED ON WHAT HE ALLEGEDLY KNEW.

Regarding the ultra-explosive *eyeroll* text in question: a one word text that allegedly said "suicideddd" <spelling unconfirmed>:
Were we really meant to assume Crimo III's mental health on a single day in 2019 and Crimo Jr's absolute liability based solely off of a Boomer's erroneous understanding of internet slang?



SIXTH TONE

By then, "suicided" had spread far beyond the bounds of the internet, to the point where it could be dropped in everyday conversation, no explanation needed. Rather than attempt to crack down on this potentially subversive trend, however, Party media outlets actually embraced it — or at least the sentiment behind it. After the pledge went viral, the online edition of the Party-run Guangming Daily published an editorial noting that there were very real fears beneath the humor of the pledge. The editorial went on to criticize various branches of the country's local law enforcement and public security organs for their crude investigation methods, opaque procedures, and frequent missteps. Overall, the editorial came down sharply on the side of the public, arguing the pledge was the outcome of a situation in which "ordinary people feel uncertain that their rights to life will be respected by a powerful security apparatus," and calling it a well-meaning, albeit sarcastic attempt at criticizing official misconduct.

Although "suicided" is not as frequently used now, over time, netizens began applying the term's underlying grammatical construction more broadly, seeing it as a way to satirize their seeming lack of control over their own lives. In addition to being "jobbed" and "enwealthened," today's young Chinese talk of being "satisfactioned" — in which they are made to report high levels of satisfaction on various surveys — or "voluntold" to do things like help their kids' schools make expensive purchases or enroll them in "optional" extracurricular classes. In 2009, after it was reported that the residents of a small city in the eastern province of Jiangsu had been coached by local officials on how to respond to government economic surveys, netizens joked that it was even possible to be "moderately prosperized" — a reference to the country's goal of building a moderately prosperous society by 2020.

As a linguist, I find these sorts of spontaneous, purposefully ungrammatical constructions fascinating.

SUICIDED is still a commonly used word; in gamer culture and, anecdotally, in rigorous high-stress college programs to describe, essentially, ANY MINOR INCONVENIENCE.

Additionally, were ALL the texts and calls from Crimo III's phone leading up to that text going to be introduced?
Or was Rinehart going to insert only that one text and the argument that ensued, leaving us to assume that Crimo III was a completely unhinged psychopath?
Was he going to, in the interest of FULL TRANSPARENCY, address the mental fuckery Crimo III had been enduring from a toxic ex-girlfriend that led to his shift in mood that day?
Probably not.

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2. "That the **Highland Park Police Department had received information about threats to the family from Robert Crimo III in September 2019,"**

[Received information about — but, recall, just several Rinehart sentences ago: "***that could not be independently confirmed or substantiated through their investigation; that there was no probable cause for an arrest of Robert Crimo III.***"

Third-hand information - sent to HPPD from a woman who never met Robert Crimo III, that could not be confirmed or substantiated - that could not produce a probable cause for an arrest - *that did not even warrant the removal of Crimo III from the home to seek a mental health evaluation*, which is the standard procedure is it not?, that now, four years later, is Gospel?]

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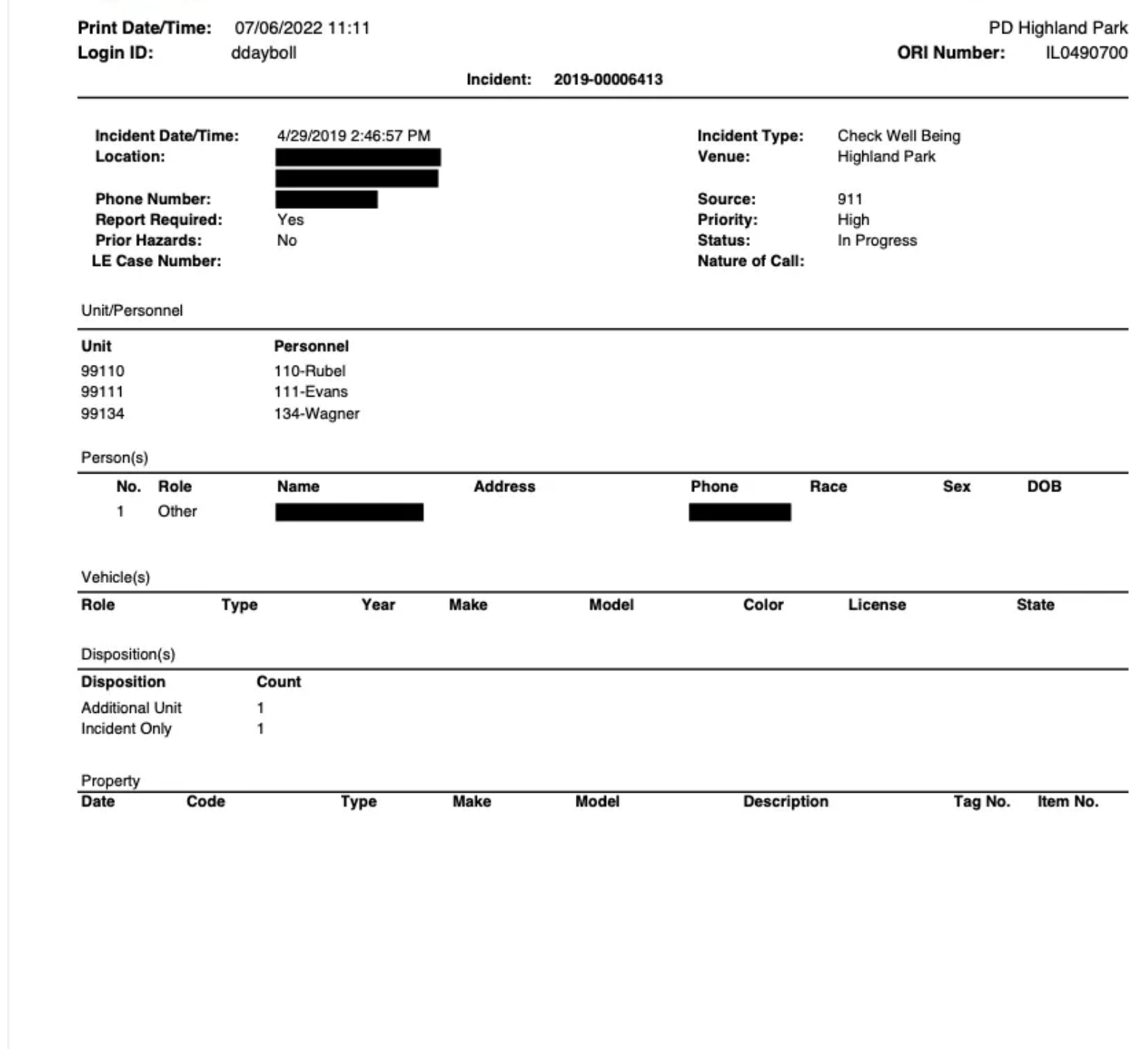
3. "That the **Highland Park Police Department had received information about Robert Crimo III expressing suicidal ideation in April of 2019,"**

[No… That's conflating issues. Suicidal ideation would have been the "suicided" text that Eric Boomer Rinehart took literally, and all the way out of context.
According to the reports from April 2019, there was **an entire attempt by machete**, RIGHT?
Because that's what the POLICE REPORT said.
Was it WRONG? Was it UNSUBSTANTIATED? Was it THIRD HAND INFORMATION? Are we cherry-picking which pieces of UNSUBSTANTIATED INFO to assert as the truth?

You can't have it both ways. Either it was double heresay and was unreliable, unverifiable, unsubstantiated, and though investigated led to no further involvement from HPPD, or it was all totally accurate and HPPD, too, failed epically in their duty. Which is it?

And though it had allegedly 'been expressed,' to whom was it expressed?? This was not information the State ever insinuated Bob had evidence of - this information was supposedly relayed by Crimo III's brother in passing, during a therapy session at school, to a therapist who had never had interaction with Crimo III himself. At the point Highland Park PD became involved, ONE WEEK LATER, their encounter, again, produced FUCK ALL.

Let's "peel apart" that report.



Incident Report

Print Date/Time: 07/06/2022 11:11
Login ID: ddayboll

PD Highland Park
ORI Number: IL0490700

Incident: 2019-00006413

Incident Date/Time:	4/29/2019 2:46:57 PM	Incident Type:	Check Well Being
Location:	[redacted]	Venue:	Highland Park
Phone Number:	[redacted]	Source:	911
Report Required:	Yes	Priority:	High
Prior Hazards:	No	Status:	In Progress
LE Case Number:		Nature of Call:	

Unit/Personnel

Unit	Personnel
99110	110-Rubel
99111	111-Evans
99134	134-Wagner

Person(s)

No.	Role	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB
1	Other	[redacted]		[redacted]			

Vehicle(s)

Role	Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License	State

Disposition(s)

Disposition	Count
Additional Unit	1
Incident Only	1

Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.

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CAD Narrative

04/29/2019 : 15:04:46 wevans Narrative: Robert Crimo Jr, [redacted], MW, at location with both parents. Complaint and alleged attempt were handled last week by mental health professionals. Delayed third party complaint today and no threats of harm made by Crimo against himself or others on this date. #111.
04/29/2019 : 14:58:39 rwagner Narrative: 134
04/29/2019 : 14:50:55 lbradley Narrative: [redacted] WOULD LIKE A CALL BACK
04/29/2019 : 14:50:43 lbradley Narrative: BOBBY IS KNOWN TO USE MARIJUANA
04/29/2019 : 14:50:36 lbradley Narrative: UNK INTOX UNK WEAPONS UNK IF HE IS BEING VIOLENT
04/29/2019 : 14:50:13 lbradley Narrative: MOM IS DENISE PESINA
04/29/2019 : 14:50:01 lbradley Narrative: MOTHER KNOWS [redacted]
04/29/2019 : 14:49:32 lbradley Narrative: HAS A HISTORY OF ATTEMPTS
04/29/2019 : 14:49:24 tmelone Narrative: 98 NOTIFIED
04/29/2019 : 14:49:17 lbradley Narrative: THIS INFO WAS DISCLOSED IN [redacted]
04/29/2019 : 14:49:05 lbradley Narrative: *CALLED IN BY [redacted]
04/29/2019 : 14:48:48 lbradley Narrative: CALLED IN BY [redacted]
04/29/2019 : 14:48:34 lbradley Narrative: LAST WEEK HE ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE BY MACHETTE
04/29/2019 : 14:48:20 lbradley Narrative: CHECKING ON BOBBY CRIMO 18 YOA

First and foremost, the entirely redacted location - the ONLY time in all the police reports that were subsequently released after July 4th that this occurs, raises questions as to where this Officer initially responded to. Was it the Therapeutic Day School?

Though it *says* present with both parents, the only parent listed anywhere within this report is Crimo III's mother. One would think, if Crimo Jr had also been present and accounted for, his name would ALSO be on this report. That's how police reports work.

Starting at the bottom, at 2:48pm, dispatch notifies of a well being check for Bobby Crimo who last week attempted suicide by machete after being called in by Nicole LoChirco who was, at the time, a therapist at New Hope Academy.
The entire narrative from 14:48:20 (2:48pm) to 14:58:39 (2:58pm) is what is being reported via dispatch based off third hand information received from LoChirco. The officer did not respond until 15:04:46 (3:04pm) - at which time he describes the "complaint and **alleged** attempt" being "handled last week" and takes NO FURTHER ACTION.

I am certainly not suggesting that you do a Google search for it, but have you ever seen what a machete does to the human body?
It's, for lack of a better term, GNARLY.
An attempt by machete, **if** by some miracle the person were to survive, would leave such a grotesque wound that only one week later there would be no doubt as to whether or not such a thing had occurred that necessitated the use of "alleged attempt" when describing it by a police officer. There would be *nothing alleged* about it — It would be APPARENT.
Additionally, and again anecdotally, such an attempt would warrant a pink slip (an involuntary hospitalization) for the individual had they survived.
The State never alluded to having evidence of this, though. Again, all they could imply, was Crimo Jr. had knowledge yet even the police report all but says that the attempt by machete is bullshit.
Furthermore - WHERE, pray tell, is the scar on Crimo III that such an incident would undoubtedly have left behind?
Mederma - call me. I have a lovely idea for an ad.]

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"The parties stipulate that the Defendant, because he knew more than the Illinois State Police as set forth above, was aware of the substantial risk to others when he signed a FOID sponsorship form in December of 2019."

[Again, I will ask: **why didn't ISP pick up the phone and call Highland Park PD? For a FOID card?**
I've had more rigorous background checks performed on myself to adopt a dog from the Humane Society.
And what happened to the Eric Rinehart of December of 2020, with all his big stupid speeches about police accountability and speaking truth to power? The Rinehart of 2023 is nothing more than a craven, power-hungry *little man* complicit himself in crime and corruption.]

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